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EVALUATION	see below	PLACE OBTAINED	[REDACTED] 25X1A
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REMARKS	[REDACTED]		

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1. On 30 November 1953, the Weisse Stadt settlement, Oranienburg, was occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery, signal and motor transport insignia. Individual officers wore blue-bordered black epaulets with signal and engineer insignia. On 27 and 30 November, about 50 troops engaged in the construction of field fortifications, including foxholes, barbed-wire obstacles and sand tables, immediately north of the railroad line between the fuel depot and building No 12. Another 10 troops practiced aiming and about 25 troops received theoretical instruction in the barracks area. [REDACTED]

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2. On 30 November, the west section of the SS Kaserne and the former concentration camp were occupied by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia. On 26 November, [REDACTED] not observe any training activity in the barracks area. [REDACTED]

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3. On 3 December, the Weisse Stadt settlement was occupied to capacity. Several groups of 10 to 15 soldiers drilled in the barracks area. 1

4. The following observations were made in the Weisse Stadt settlement [REDACTED]

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Building No 3 was to be reconditioned for officer families.

Building No 5 was occupied by the administration of the survey and mapping unit and billets for officers, including Colonel Momut and Lieutenant Colonel Antipov (both fnu). The building was being reconditioned for families of officers of Unit Kuleshov.

Building No 2 or 16 were being reconditioned for families of officers of the unit commanded by Colonel Momut.

Building No 6 included officer billets and offices of Unit Zimakin, rather

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than quarters for EM of this unit, as had previously been reported. Building No 7 served as quartering building for personnel of Unit Zimakin, who wore black-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia.

Building No 12 included instruction rooms and offices of the AT unit with Major Burakov (fnu) as supply officer; a number of rooms, the reconditioning of which had been almost completed by 30 November; and offices and detention rooms of the unit of Lieutenant Colonel Antipov.

Weapon and vehicle sheds of the individual units were separately fenced in and were guarded by sentries. Troops observed in the yard engaged exclusively in drill and physical training.

Building No 13 included instruction rooms for the signal unit with Lieutenant Colonel Shuravkov as supply officer.

Colonel Paskevski (fnu) was chief of the Kech offices in the Oranienburg, Templin (Vogelsang) and Vuensdorf posts and of all supply officers stationed at these posts. On 16 November, Colonel Paskevski was observed in the quartering area, [redacted] On 17 November, [redacted] several 37-mm AA guns in front of vehicle shed No 35. Major Gonsheerov (fnu) of the superior Kech office in Potsdam, to which the abovementioned offices were subordinate, was daily seen in the restricted area.]

5. In November, [redacted] the northern portion of Building No 150 in the SS Kaserne was occupied by a tank unit commanded by Major Tyakov (fnu) and the rest of the building was occupied by the tank instruction unit of Major Pechenin (fnu), with administration and instruction rooms located in the groundfloor, EM quarters in the upper floor and the office of Lieutenant Colonel Stepekiyen (fnu) in the west section of the building. Billets for Soviet families were also to be prepared in the former concentration camp. 2

6. In November, [redacted] building No 14 in the Weisse Stadt settlement was occupied by a signal unit [redacted] Building No 22 quartered the repair shop of the mapping unit stationed in building No 8. Troops wearing survey and mapping insignia were repeatedly observed between these two buildings and at maintenance work on [redacted]

In November, 6 to 8 trucks occupied by troops daily left the SS Kaserne and the concentration camp in the evening. They returned at about 11 p.m. Two T-34 tanks daily engaged in driving practice in the tank training area and, on 19 November, T-34 tank [redacted] was seen there in addition to these two tanks. An undetermined number of troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia daily received instruction on 2 T-34 tanks and a dummy tank. Trucks [redacted] repeatedly left the installation for the firing range near the brick works. About 8 to 10 trucks of the driving school unit were daily seen en route in Oranienburg.

8. During the period under review, trucks [redacted] were repeatedly seen in the yard of the Oranienburg komendatura. In the evening, they entered the SS Kaserne and the former concentration camp.

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9. Troop trains, which passed through the Oranienburg freight station between 17 and 20 November, included:

17 November. At about 6:30 p.m., 8 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, coming from the direction of Fuerstentberg/Havel and proceeding toward Dallgow-Doebritz.

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18 November. At about 7:45 a.m., 2 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 9 closed boxcars, 7 flatcars with sideracks carrying 5 trucks with covered numbers and 2 flatcars with sideracks carrying billeting equipment, coming from the direction of Boetzow/Havel and proceeding toward Templin.

20 November. A train of 2 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 15 closed boxcars, 5 flatcars with sideracks carrying 4 trucks, and 1 flatcar with sideracks carrying billeting equipment, coming from the direction of Templin at 9:40 a.m. and proceeding toward Justerbog-Altes Lager at 12:30 p.m. 3

1. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the Weisse Stadt settlement. However, underestimated the occupation strength considerably. The installation is believed to quarter somewhat more than 2,000 troops. According to previous and the present information, the units are believed to be distributed in the various buildings of the installation, which are numbered according to a sketch attached to

as follows:

the 194th Mgr Bn in building No 7 and garage No 29;
the survey and mapping unit of the GOFG in buildings Nos 5 and 8;
the 53d Mtrcl Bn in buildings Nos 9 and 13 and garages Nos 30 and 31;
the 16th (?) Cds RI Bn in buildings Nos 11 and 12 and garage No 31;
the unidentified signal battalion of the 25th Tank Div in buildings Nos 14 and 15;

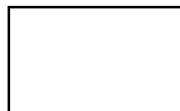
and the 219th (?) AAA Regt in garage No 35, and, possibly, in buildings Nos 11 and /or 12. From the Buch laundry, is known as belonging to a small unit of the 25th Tank Div stationed in Oranienburg. It is very probable that belongs to the unidentified signal battalion of the division, rather the unknown in a previous report, mentioned as belonging to this battalion. It is believed that misidentified. Except for the two officers of the Kech, Colonel Paskevski and Major Gonsheurov (both fnu), all officers mentioned are known. Major Burakov (fnu) may be supply officer of the 219th (?) AAA Regt, which erroneously referred to as AT unit. There is no AT unit stationed in the restricted area.

2. Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the west section of the SS Kaserne and the Sachsenhausen concentration camp over reports of mid-November. The assignment of the unknown Colonel Tyakov (fnu) and the repeatedly reported Lieutenant Colonel Sterekiyen (both fnu), who belong to a tank unit, apparently, but, not to the u/i Tank Tng Bn of the 25th Tank Div, is undetermined. The two officers may belong to the unlocated 162d Tank Regt, which previously was under the command of Colonel Zhuk (fnu). In this case, however, the occupation strength of 1,000 troops appears too low. On the other hand, estimate may not be correct. Further information is needed to confirm the regiment in this installation.

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3. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] confirms the Hq 1st Mezz Div in Doeberitz until 17 November 1953. It is believed that recruits arrived on this date. [redacted] the shipment on 20 November, involved an air force unit.

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